

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A videoconference system, comprising:

computers of users, the computers enabling communication with each other via a

communication network; and

electronic cameras of the users, the electronic cameras enabling a moving image to be
taken, the electronic cameras being respectively connected to the computers duplex-
communicably, wherein:

the videoconference system makes a videoconference possible by making a moving
image, taken by the electronic camera of each user, displayed on a display device of a computer
of a communication partner;

the computer has a program for videoconference which performs the videoconference;

the computer further has a program for image display; and

the program for videoconference and the program for image display are automatically
booted when it is detected that the electronic camera is connected duplex-communicably;

wherein the program for image display makes the computer execute a function of making
a display device of the computer simultaneously display a list of images recorded in a recording
medium in the electronic camera or recorded in a recording medium in the computer; and

wherein the program for videoconference makes the computer execute, when an image is
selected from the list of images during communication and image transmission is commanded, a
function of making the selected image transmitted to a communication partner.

2. (Original) The videoconference system according to claim 1, wherein:

the electronic camera has a photography/playback mode, and a communication mode where either of a videoconference mode where the electronic camera is made to operate as the electronic camera for the computer, and a mass storage class mode where the electronic camera is made to operate as a card reader is set;

the electronic camera automatically sets itself in the communication mode when detecting that the electronic camera is connected to the computer duplex-communicably; and

the computer automatically boots the program for videoconference when the communicate mode that is set is the videoconference mode.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The videoconference system according to claim 1, wherein the program for image display makes the computer execute:

a function of making a display device of the computer simultaneously display a list of images recorded in a recording medium in the electronic camera, and a menu button for commanding the computer to connect with a server performing various kinds of services; and

a function of making the server that is selected by the menu button transmit an image selected from the list of images.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The videoconference system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a cradle on which the electronic camera is detachably mounted; and

a communication cable which connects the cradle with the computer,

wherein the cradle connects the electronic camera with the communication cable when
the electronic camera is mounted.

7. (Original) The videoconference system according to claim 6, wherein:

the electronic camera has a photography/playback mode, and a communication mode
where either of a videoconference mode where the electronic camera is made to operate as the
electronic camera for the computer, and a mass storage class mode where the electronic camera
is made to operate as a card reader is set;

the electronic camera automatically sets itself in the communication mode when
detecting that the electronic camera is connected to the computer duplex-communicably; and

the computer automatically boots the program for videoconference when the
communicate mode that is set is the videoconference mode.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The videoconference system according to claim 6,
wherein the program for image display makes the computer execute:

a function of making a display device of the computer simultaneously display a list of
images recorded in a recording medium in the electronic camera or recorded in a recording

medium in the computer, and a menu button for commanding the computer to connect with a server performing various kinds of services; and

a function of making the server that is selected by the menu button transmit an image selected from the list of images.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) A videoconference system, comprising:

computers of users, the computers enabling communication with each other via a communication network; and

electronic cameras of the users, the electronic cameras enabling a moving image to be taken, the electronic cameras being respectively connected to the computers duplex-communicably, wherein:

the videoconference system makes a videoconference possible by making a moving image, taken by the electronic camera of each user, displayed on a display device of a computer of a communication partner;

the computer has a program for videoconference which performs the videoconference; and

the computer makes the program for videoconference operate only when it is detected that the electronic camera is connected duplex-communicably and is a predetermined model.

12. (Original) The videoconference system according to claim 11, wherein the predetermined model of electronic camera is one of an electronic camera that has a function of treating the program for videoconference, and an electronic camera that has a function of treating the program for videoconference and is produced by a predetermined manufacturer.

13. (Original) A videoconference system, comprising:
computers of users, the computers enabling communication with each other via a communication network; and
electronic cameras of the users, the electronic cameras enabling a moving image to be taken, the electronic cameras being respectively connected to the computers duplex-communicably, wherein:
the videoconference system makes a videoconference possible by making a moving image, taken by the electronic camera of each user, displayed on a display device of a computer of a communication partner;
the computer has a program for videoconference which performs the videoconference;
and
the program for videoconference makes the computer perform a function of using personal information of the user at the time of user registration by another program.

14. (Original) The videoconference system according to claim 13, wherein the other program is a program for image display simultaneously booted at the time of the program for videoconference being booted.

15. (Original) The videoconference system according to claim 14, wherein the program for image display makes the computer execute:

a function of making a display device of the computer simultaneously display a list of images recorded in a recording medium in the electronic camera or recorded in a recording medium in the computer, and a menu button for commanding the computer to connect with a server performing various kinds of services; and

a function of making the server that is selected by the menu button transmit an image selected from the list of images.

16. (Original) The videoconference system according to claim 15, wherein the program for videoconference makes the computer execute, when an image is selected from the list of images during communication and image transmission is commanded, a function of making the selected image transmitted to a communication partner.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of generating an address book for recording an image transmitted from another user's communication equipment during a videoconference held while mutually transmitting and receiving images, which are being taken, between a user's own communication equipment and the other user's communication equipment, by associating the image with registration information such as an address of the other user, comprising:
a step of receiving and displaying an image from the other user's communication equipment;
a step of the user inputting a command of recording the image that is displayed;

a step of recording an image received on the basis of the command of recording the image by associating the image with address information showing a communication place of the other user under communication; and

a step of displaying the address showing the communication place of the other user, by associating the address with the recorded image.

18. (Currently Amended) An image transmitting method for transmitting an image, which a user specifies in a videoconference, to another user's communication equipment, comprising:

a step of the other user's communication equipment and the user's own communication equipment performing ~~voice or image communication~~ videoconferencing by displaying, on a display device of the user's own communication equipment, at least a moving image display section representing the other user;

a step of displaying at least one image as at least one image menu on ~~a~~ the display device of the user's own communication equipment;

a step of selecting an image, transmission of which the user expects, from the image menu during the communication;

a step of the user commanding transmission of the selected image ~~which the user select during the communication~~ by dragging the selected image to the moving image display section and dropping the selected image thereon, using a user interface of the user's own communication equipment; and

a step of transmitting the selected image, ~~which the user selects,~~ to the other user's communication equipment as a result of the user commanding transmission the selected ~~image during the communication on the basis of the command of communication that the user~~ inputs.

19. (Withdrawn) An address book display method for displaying information about a user, who is a partner in a videoconference and has been registered beforehand, in a list when the videoconference that is held while transmitting and receiving images, which are being taken, between user's own communication equipment and another user's communication equipment is started, comprising:

a step of displaying partner information such as a name, and an address of a user, the address which shows a communication place, the user who is a partner in a videoconference, a message or a comment, and a photograph of the communication partner on a display device of the user's own communication equipment;

a step of acquiring information about communication availability of the partner in the videoconference from other communication equipment; and

a step of displaying the information about communication availability of the partner in the videoconference, which is obtained, by associating the information with the information about the partner.

20. (Withdrawn) The address book display method according to claim 19, wherein the display of communication availability is display by using a pattern or a character.

21. (Withdrawn) The address book display method according to claim 19, further comprising a step of acquiring the partner information such as a name, and an address of a user, the address which shows a communication place, the user who is a partner in a videoconference, a message or a comment, and a photograph of the partner of communication through a communication network from other communication equipment.

22. (Withdrawn) The address book display method according to claim 21, wherein the display of communication availability is display by using a pattern or a character.

23. (Withdrawn) A communication partner setup method for displaying information about a user, who is a partner in a videoconference and has been registered beforehand, in a list and setting a communication partner when the videoconference that is held while transmitting and receiving images, which are being taken, between user's own communication equipment and another user's communication equipment is started, comprising:

a step of displaying partner information such as a name, and an address of a user, the address which shows a communication place, the user who is a partner in a videoconference, a message or a comment, and a photograph of the partner of communication on a display device of the user's own communication equipment;

a step of acquiring information about communication availability of the partner in the videoconference from other communication equipment and selecting a partner who cannot

presently perform the videoconference on the basis of the communication availability that is obtained;

a step of displaying the information about communication availability of the partner in the videoconference, which is obtained, by associating the information with the information about the partner; and

a step of giving the user a notice of rejecting user's selection if the user selects the partner, with whom the user cannot presently hold the videoconference, as a partner in the videoconference.

24. (Withdrawn) A communication partner setup method for displaying information about a user, who is a partner in a videoconference and has been registered beforehand, in a list and setting a communication partner when the videoconference that is held while transmitting and receiving images, which are being taken, between user's own communication equipment and another user's communication equipment is started, comprising:

a step of displaying partner information such as a name, and an address of a user, the address which shows a communication place, the user who is a partner in a videoconference, a message or a comment, and a photograph of the partner of communication on a display device of the user's own communication equipment;

a step of acquiring information about communication availability of a partner in the videoconference from other communication equipment and selecting a partner who can presently perform the videoconference on the basis of the communication availability that is obtained;

a step of displaying the information about communication availability of the partner in the videoconference, which is obtained, by associating the information with the information about the partner; and

a step of permitting selection and starting the videoconference with an address of a user who is the partner whom the user selects only when the user selects the partner with whom the user can hold the videoconference.

25. (Previously Presented) A videoconference system, comprising:
- computers of users, the computers enabling communication with each other via a communication network; and
- electronic cameras of the users, the electronic cameras enabling a moving image to be taken, the electronic cameras being respectively connected to the computers duplex-communicably, wherein:
- the videoconference system makes a videoconference possible by making a moving image, taken by the electronic camera of each user, displayed on a display device of a computer of a communication partner; and
- the computer has a program for videoconference which performs the videoconference, wherein:
- the electronic camera has a photography/playback mode, and a communication mode where either of a videoconference mode where the electronic camera is made to operate as the electronic camera for the computer, and a mass storage class mode where the electronic camera is made to operate as a card reader is set;

the electronic camera automatically sets itself in the communication mode when detecting that the electronic camera is connected to the computer duplex-communicably; and the computer automatically boots the program for videoconference when it is detected that the electronic camera is connected duplex-communicably and when the communication mode that is set is the videoconference mode.

26. (New) A method for transmitting an image in a videoconference, comprising the steps of:

enabling communication between computers of communication partners via a communication network;

connecting at least one electronic camera enabled to take a moving image to at least one of the computers;

detecting whether the camera is connected to the computer duplex-communicably;

automatically booting a program for performing a videoconference and a program for image display when the at least one camera is detected to be connected duplex-communicably to the at least one computer;

displaying, via the image display program, a list of images recorded in a recording medium in the electronic camera or recorded in a recording medium in the computer on the display of the computer;

selecting an image from the list of images, via input from a user; and

transmitting the selected image to the computer of the communication partner via the videoconference program.

27. (New) A method for performing a videoconference, comprising the steps of:

enabling communication between computers of communication partners via a communication network;

connecting at least one electronic camera enabled to take a moving image to at least one of the computers;

detecting the camera model and detecting whether the camera is connected to the computer duplex-communicably;

performing videoconferencing by displaying a moving image, taken by the at least one electronic camera of a communication partner, on a display device of a computer of another communication partner,

wherein the computer has a program for videoconference which performs the videoconference and the computer makes the program for videoconference operate only when it is detected that the electronic camera is connected duplex-communicably and is a predetermined model.

28. (New) A method for performing a videoconference, comprising the steps of:

enabling communication between computers of communication partners via a communication network;

connecting duplex-communicably at least one electronic camera enabled to take a moving image to at least one of the computers;

performing a videoconference, using a videoconference program loaded into the computers, by displaying a moving image taken by the at least one electronic camera on a display device of the computer of the communication partner; and

performing, via the videoconference program, a function of using personal information of the user to perform user registration by another program.